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Man dies in rafting accident on the Colorado River

Grand Canyon, Ariz. – Park rangers at Grand Canyon National Park were notified yesterday at approximately 4:00 p.m. of CRP in progress on a male victim who had gone into the water at Hance Rapid, River Mile 77, when the boat he had been traveling in flipped.

The victim had been in the water several minutes before being pulled out by others in his party. Although CPR efforts were immediately initiated by participants on the trip, efforts to save him were not successful.

Park rangers were unable to reach the party last night or early today due to inclement weather and inaccessible terrain.

The trip continued downriver this morning to Phantom Ranch (River Mile 88) where they were met by park rangers. The man's body was flown out of the canyon and taken to the South Rim Helibase. His body was then transferred to the Coconino County Medical Examiner and taken to Flagstaff, Arizona. An autopsy will be performed to determine cause of death.

The victim's name and age are being withheld pending notification of next of kin.

No additional details are available at this time. An investigation is being conducted by the National Park Service.

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